GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN DEMAND OF PALM OIL
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for `palm oil from various States for PDS has come down in December, 1999 and January, 2000; (

(b) if so, whether it has created a huge inventory problem for imported `RBD Palm Oil` for the State Trading Corporation; and (

(c) if so, the steps, the Government propose to take in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREEI PRASAD)
(a), (b) & (c) : The offtake of edible oils by the State Governments for distribution under the Public Distribution System, has come down over the last few months. The STC has a stock of 35565 tonnes as on 24th February, 2000.This is held on Government account Government is closely monitoring the prices and availability of edible oils in the country, for which purpose their import has been undertaken by Government through STC.